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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2013
MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Jeff Fernburg, Clergy from the Good Samaritan Regional Health Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Members Ron Lash, Dennis McEnaney, Todd Piper and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Council Member David Wood was absent.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the January 7, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting and the January 14, 2013 City Council Workshop Meeting were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Council Member Wood was absent.**

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Approval of Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for Approval. Council Member McEnaney asked City Manager Ron Neibert for an update on the following: Item #5 Baxmeyer Construction Inc. - \$261,856.33 — Veterans West and Davidson South sewer extension. Neibert reported that the line is in place, and they are finalizing the lift station. It is anticipated to be completed in 60-90 days. Items #7 Continental Tire the Americas - \$11,029.50 and #10 Guinzy Construction - \$158,499.07 — Continental Tire Rail Spur. This project should be completed in mid-March. Items #17 Lipps Construction Company - \$2,717.00 and #30 — Southern Illinois Door Company - \$7,977.00 — Purchase of door and Installation of overhead door at Fire Station 4. This improvement is contained in the City's budget and is completed. Item #23 Physio Control - \$51,511.50 — Welch Allyn LifePak cardiac monitors for Fire Department. These are replacement monitors for use by EMS. Item #28 Shores Builders - \$335,144.92 — pay application #2 for new Aquatics Zoo. Parks and Recreation Director George Bryant commented the facility is still on target to open July 4, 2013; however, Shores Builders is reevaluating the timetable

previously established because of recent inclement weather. Bryant reported that all three pools have been dug and piping with rock is in place. Item #34 Underwriters Labs - \$3,553.00 — Ariel units annual inspection. Neibert reported this is an annual inspection, and the Unit passed inspection. Council Member Piper inquired about Item #24 Postmaster - \$6,000.00 — Postage for water bills. Neibert indicated that the new format for the water bills has gone smoothly and no problems have been reported. Council Member Lash inquired about Item #13 Illinois State Police Academy - \$2,882.00 — Training fees for new police recruits Lemons and Greenwood. Police Chief Chris Mendenall reported that the recruits have completed the Academy and are on the street completing field training. The City will be reimbursed three quarters of the \$2,882.00 tuition fees from the State through a grant program. Item #18 Midwest Meter - \$2,308.84 — Water meters and gaskets for Public Utilities. Neibert explained that annually the Public Utilities Department budgets for replacement meters to keep in inventory in case of malfunctioning meters. Lash questioned Police Chief Mendenall about the special check written in the amount of \$2,000.00 to replenish the drug purchase fund. Chief stated this fund is used by his department for undercover work. Council Member McEnaney inquired about Item #19 Moniger Excavating - \$60,821.64 — South 34th Street road construction. Neibert reported that the City has not been notified that Moniger is ready to resume construction.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,624,421.68. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Council Member Wood was absent.

BIDS & QUOTES

City Manager Neibert reported that the City received eight bids for sidewalks along Holiday Inn frontage on the east side of Potomac Blvd. The bids were reviewed and the lowest responsible bidder, KRB Excavating, of Trenton, Illinois, in the amount of \$45,461.00, was recommended by Neibert. The City has not done business with this company in the past; however, Neibert advised that upon inquiry he received no information that would disqualify the company.

			Engineers Estimate	J.K. Trotter and Sons. 9031 E. Richview Rd Mt. Vernon, IL 62864	Kieffer Bros. Const. 118 N. Division St Mount Carmel, I 62863	Depew & Owen Builders Inc. 511 South Oak St Centralia, IL 62801	Rite-Way Excavating 9446 Old Lebanon -Troy Rd Lebanon, IL 62254	Bruce Concrete Const. 4401 Illinois 162 Granite City, IL 62040	KRB Excavating 789 W. Broadway Trenton, IL 62293	Doug Eubanks Const. 404 S. Cherry St Sesser, IL 62884	Lipps Const 1300 George St Mt. Vernon, IL 62864			
1	4" PCC Sidewalk	263	Sq Yd	\$43.00 \$11,309.00	\$46.00 \$12,098.00	\$62.00 \$16,306.00	\$54.00 \$14,202.00	\$45.60 \$11,992.80	\$66.09 \$17,381.67	\$47.50 \$12,492.50	81.75 \$21,500.25	48	\$12,624.00	
2	Accessible Ramps	2	Each	\$715.00 \$1,430.00	\$2,500.00 \$5,000.00	\$2,460.00 \$4,920.00	\$500.00 \$1,000.00	\$910.00 \$1,820.00	\$2,000.00 \$4,000.00	\$750.00 \$1,500.00	1800	\$3,600.00	1400	\$2,800.00
3	Retaining Wall (3' Tall)	400	LF	\$64.00 \$25,600.00	\$100.00 \$40,000.00	\$114.00 \$45,600.00	\$60.00 \$24,000.00	\$71.25 \$28,500.00	\$86.25 \$34,500.00	\$53.00 \$21,200.00	20.31	\$8,124.00	79	\$31,600.00
4	Earth Excavation	72	Cu Yd	\$22.00 \$1,584.00	\$10.00 \$720.00	\$115.00 \$8,280.00	\$20.00 \$1,440.00	\$33.25 \$2,394.00	\$87.25 \$6,282.00	\$55.00 \$3,960.00	141.66	\$10,199.52	19	\$1,368.00
5	Seeding & Cleanup	420	LF	\$2.50 \$1,050.00	\$5.00 \$2,100.00	\$10.00 \$4,200.00	\$5.00 \$2,100.00	\$5.90 \$2,478.00	\$4.76 \$1,999.20	\$5.00 \$2,100.00	16.66	\$6,997.20	4	\$1,680.00
6	Landscape Removal	245	Sq Ft	\$3.00 \$735.00	\$5.00 \$1,225.00	\$4.00 \$980.00	\$5.00 \$1,225.00	\$4.90 \$1,200.50	\$6.12 \$1,499.40	\$3.00 \$735.00	1.63	\$399.35	2	\$490.00
7	Water Valve Adjustments	2	Each	\$275.00 \$550.00	\$250.00 \$500.00	\$180.00 \$360.00	\$300.00 \$600.00	\$265.00 \$530.00	\$500.00 \$1,000.00	\$100.00 \$200.00	1550	\$3,100.00	450	\$900.00
8	Tree Removal	1	Each	\$300.00 \$300.00	\$500.00 \$500.00	\$2,440.00 \$2,440.00	\$500.00 \$500.00	\$625.00 \$625.00	\$250.00 \$250.00	\$100.00 \$100.00	1200	\$1,200.00	650	\$650.00
9	Traffic Control & Protect	1	Lump Sum	\$1,500.00 \$1,500.00	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00	\$1,950.00 \$1,950.00	\$1,821.00 \$1,821.00	\$3,850.00 \$3,850.00	\$500.00 \$500.00	\$3,173.50 \$3,173.50	2000	\$2,000.00	3700	\$3,700.00
Total Bid (As Read)				\$63,143.00		\$85,036.00	\$46,888.00	\$53,390.30	\$67,413.00	\$45,461.00	\$49,814.00	\$55,812.00		
Total Bid (As Corrected)									\$67,412.27		\$57,120.32			

Council Member Piper made a motion to accept the low bid from KRB Excavating, of Trenton, Illinois, in the amount of \$45,461.00. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, and Chesley. Wood was absent.

City Manager Neibert reported that the City received eight bids for miscellaneous repair of sidewalks in various locations. The bids were reviewed and the lowest responsible bidder, Rollie Excavating and Concrete Finishing, of Woodlawn, Illinois, in the amount of \$212,025.76 was recommended by Neibert. Council Member Piper suggested that Neibert give the media a copy of the sidewalk repair list that was

created last August by the City Council. He also noted that this miscellaneous sidewalk repair plan originated from the City's Comprehensive Plan.

			Engineers Estimate	Rollie Excavating 2646 E. IL 15 Woodlawn, IL 62898	Mettler Development 601 13th Street Highland, IL 62249	Depew & Owen Builders Inc. 511 South Oak St Centralia, IL 62801	Rite-Way Excavating 9446 Old Lebanon -Troy Rd Lebanon, IL 62254	Sheridan Concrete Inc. 7118 N. Nason Ln Mt. Vernon, IL 62864	KRB Excavating 789 W. Broadway Trenton, IL 62293	Doug Eubanks Const. 404 S. Cherry St Sesser, IL 62884	J.K. Trotter and Sons. 9031 E. Richview Rd Mt. Vernon, IL 62864										
1	4" PCC Sidewalk (Remove/Replace)	38,112	Sq Ft	\$5.50	\$209,616.00	\$4.07	\$155,115.84	\$7.21	\$274,787.52	\$6.75	\$257,256.00	\$6.50	\$247,728.00	\$5.92	\$225,623.04	\$5.90	\$224,860.80	\$8.47	\$322,808.64	\$7.00	\$266,784.00
2	Accessible Ramps	1,540	Sq Ft	\$6.50	\$10,010.00	\$2.86	\$4,404.40	\$11.00	\$16,940.00	\$8.00	\$12,320.00	\$7.00	\$10,780.00	\$13.92	\$21,436.80	\$6.00	\$9,240.00	\$11.30	\$17,402.00	\$18.00	\$27,720.00
3	Seeding & Cleanup	9,528	LF	\$1.50	\$14,292.00	\$0.84	\$8,003.52	\$1.65	\$15,721.20	\$0.50	\$4,764.00	\$1.25	\$11,910.00	\$0.74	\$7,050.72	\$1.25	\$11,910.00	\$5.65	\$53,833.20	\$0.50	\$4,764.00
4	Valve/Meter Adjustment	10	Each	\$200.00	\$2,000.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$500.00	\$95.00	\$950.00	\$240.00	\$2,400.00	\$75.00	\$750.00	\$113.00	\$1,130.00	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
5	Traffic Control & Protect	1	L Sum	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$10,008.00	\$10,008.00	\$10,300.00	\$10,300.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$9,605.00	\$9,605.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
6	Clean & Edge Sidewalk	2,000	LF	\$2.00	\$4,000.00	\$1.00	\$2,000.00	\$1.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.50	\$1,000.00	\$2.00	\$4,000.00	\$1.68	\$3,360.00	\$1.50	\$3,000.00	\$5.65	\$11,300.00	\$0.70	\$1,400.00
7	Tree Removal	108	Unit	\$30.00	\$3,240.00	\$250.00	\$27,000.00	\$13.00	\$1,404.00	\$50.00	\$5,400.00	\$65.00	\$7,020.00	\$23.14	\$2,499.12	\$36.00	\$3,888.00	\$508.00	\$54,864.00	\$100.00	\$10,800.00
8	Detectable Warnings Curb & Gutter	440	Sf	\$35.00	\$15,400.00	\$17.05	\$7,502.00	\$40.00	\$17,600.00	\$28.00	\$12,320.00	\$24.00	\$10,560.00	\$14.00	\$6,160.00	\$12.50	\$5,500.00	\$4.87	\$2,142.80	\$18.00	\$7,920.00
9	(Remove/Replace)	200	LF	\$25.00	\$5,000.00	\$20.00	\$4,000.00	\$60.00	\$12,000.00	\$65.00	\$13,000.00	\$40.00	\$8,000.00	\$42.00	\$8,400.00	\$35.00	\$7,000.00	52	\$10,400.00	\$50.00	\$10,000.00
Total Bid (As Read)				\$266,058.00	\$211,948.00	\$343,452.72	\$316,568.00	\$311,248.00	\$280,396.00	\$266,648.80	\$483,485.64	\$333,368.00									
Total Bid (As Corrected)					\$212,025.76					\$280,429.68											

Council Member Lash made a motion to accept the low bid from Rollie Excavating and Concrete Finishing, of Woodlawn, Illinois, in the amount of \$212,025.76. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Wood was absent.

City Manager Neibert reported that the City received 11 bids for the South 34th Street Sewer Extension project that will run from Veterans south to Harlan Road. This road is necessary in order to support the new Aquatic Zoo and also future development in the area. Bids were reviewed and TEK Construction, Inc., of Bartelso, Illinois, is the low bidder with a base bid of \$49,969.00. Both Neibert and HMG Engineers are unfamiliar with the work of this contractor. TEK Construction, Inc. has completed both sanitary and water system construction for Salem, and is currently performing work at Salem's water treatment facility. Salem's Director of Public Works indicated they have a successful history with TEK Construction, and find them to be responsible and fair with a high quality of workmanship. Following verification of the recent municipal work completed, Neibert recommended the contract be awarded to TEK Construction, Inc. for the base bid total of \$49,969.00. HMG estimated the project to cost \$102,285.00 so this bid is substantially lower than the amount budgeted for the project.

BID TABULATION SHEET

JOB NAME: South 34th Street Sewer Extension		ENGINEER'S OPINION OF COST		TEK Construction, Inc. 12120 Pioneer Road Bartelso, IL 62218	Kassen Excavating, Inc. 221 East Main Street Damiansville, IL 62215	J.K. Trotter & Sons, Inc. 9031 East Richview Road Mount Vernon, IL 62864	Furlong Excavating, Inc. 1045 State Route 37 Kell, IL 62853	Moniger Excavating, Inc. 5955 State Route 140 Moro, IL 62067							
OWNER: City of Mount Vernon, Illinois															
BID OPENING: January 17, 2013 - 10:00 A.M.															
HMG JOB NO.: 6842															
BID DEPOSIT:				<input type="checkbox"/> CASHIER'S CHECK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BID BOND	<input type="checkbox"/> CASHIER'S CHECK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BID BOND	<input type="checkbox"/> CASHIER'S CHECK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BID BOND	<input type="checkbox"/> CASHIER'S CHECK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BID BOND	<input type="checkbox"/> CASHIER'S CHECK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BID BOND							
Item															
1	18" PVC Sanitary Sewer (12'-15')	1,090	LF	\$65.00	\$70,850.00	\$28.50	\$31,065.00	\$32.75	\$35,697.50	\$32.00	\$34,880.00	\$26.68	\$29,081.20	\$32.60	\$35,534.00
2	5' Diameter Manhole (0'-8')	4	EA	\$4,500.00	\$18,000.00	\$2,100.00	\$8,400.00	\$2,650.00	\$10,600.00	\$2,535.00	\$10,140.00	\$3,560.00	\$14,240.00	\$2,775.00	\$11,100.00
3	Extra Manhole Depth	20	LF	\$180.00	\$3,600.00	\$100.00	\$2,000.00	\$55.00	\$1,100.00	\$150.00	\$3,000.00	\$145.00	\$2,900.00	\$140.00	\$2,800.00
4	Connection to Existing Sanitary Sewer	1	EA	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,540.00	\$3,540.00	\$570.00	\$570.00
5	Select Granular Backfill	105	CY	\$45.00	\$4,725.00	\$40.00	\$4,200.00	\$35.00	\$3,675.00	\$30.00	\$3,150.00	\$29.90	\$3,139.50	\$42.75	\$4,468.75
6	Oil & Chip Pavement Replacement	10	SY	\$30.00	\$300.00	\$80.00	\$800.00	\$150.00	\$1,500.00	\$75.00	\$750.00	\$66.00	\$660.00	\$138.00	\$1,380.00
7	Cut and Remove Existing 8" Sanitary Sewer	14	LF	\$40.00	\$560.00	\$36.00	\$504.00	\$30.00	\$420.00	\$10.00	\$140.00	\$80.00	\$1,120.00	\$40.75	\$570.50
8	Final Grading & Seeding	1	LS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
Total of All Bid Prices					\$102,285.00		\$49,969.00		\$55,592.50		\$56,560.00		\$58,280.70		\$60,143.25
Certified to be an accurate tabulation of bids.															
John A. Wieter, P.E. Licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois License No. 062-063871 License Expires November 30, 2013															

Council Member Piper inquired about surplus folding chairs that are in storage at the Horace Mann School. Nathan McKenna, Projects Manager, is aware of the chairs and will make sure they are included in the sale. First Reading Only.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Establishing a "Parks and Recreation Department Scholarship Program". Director of the Parks and Recreation Department George Bryant appeared along with Leo the Lion, the Mt. Vernon Aquatic Zoo's mascot. Leo previously worked as a water fountain at the park before he was refurbished. According to Bryant, this scholarship program is an opportunity for the community to contribute toward the funding of recreational programs. The intent of the scholarship program is to offer assistance to youth who wish to participate in recreational activities but may not have the financial means to partake. The swimming lesson program will be the only scholarship available in the initial stages of the program. Other programs may be considered in the future as funds develop and needs are expressed by the community.

Bryant requested that the fund be started using contributions the Department received from a memorial fund that is associated with the community's loss of Bill Elzy. Mayor Chesley read aloud a letter signed by Ken Elzy, nephew, and the Elzy family, commending Bryant for his hard work and dedication to the City parks. Recipients of the swim lesson scholarship will be asked to contribute \$5.00 towards the swim lesson fee so they are vested in the scholarship. Bryant pledged to meet a goal that every child in the City of Mt. Vernon has the opportunity to learn to swim. Scholarship recipients must be 17 years of age or younger. Bryant is challenging local civic, fraternal and service organizations to sponsor scholarships. In addition, he suggested the possibility of a family sponsoring a scholarship recipient. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the City of Mt. Vernon and a special fund will be established for the program.

Council Member Piper noted that the scholarship program is a part of the City's Comprehensive Plan, and Council appreciates Bryant's efforts in following through with the task.

Council Member McEnaney commended Bryant for his challenge to the community for every child to have the opportunity to learn to swim and become swimmers.

Council Member Lash also commended Bryant for his efforts because there are many children who don't have the opportunity to participate or even think about participating in swim lessons and now they have an opportunity.

Council Member Piper asked the community to take ownership of the City Parks because they belong to the community.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Resolution Establishing a Parks and Recreation Department Scholarship Program. Council Member Lash seconded the motion. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Wood was absent.

Mayor Chesley accepted a check from the Elzy Family to start the scholarship program. Leo the Lion was included in a photo of the Mayor and Bryant.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Zanola Company, LLC regarding Phase One of the Housing Marketing/Growth Program. City Manager Neibert explained that several months ago the City hired the Zanola Company to identify and study the housing market in the City of Mt. Vernon. The 2010 census for the City of Mt. Vernon reflected that the City lost almost 1,000 in population. The Zanola Study indicated the need for 350 to 750 new houses of

varying price ranges to support the economic growth occurring in Mt. Vernon. Phase One will establish program foundations for marketing, communications, and processes; activate new homes marketing and professional outreach; and deliver measurable and successful results. The Council attended a City Council Workshop Meeting last week in which Joe Zanola presented his plan for the 2013 launch of the City's housing program. After discussion Council gave Mr. Zanola direction on drafting an Agreement.

Council Member Piper noted that he is very excited about streamlining the process of building homes and housing investments in Mt. Vernon. He commented that the lack of affordable housing was identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan and this meets that challenge head-on.

Council Member Lash indicated his approval of the preliminary schedule or timeline included in the housing growth agreement.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adopt the Resolution Approving the Agreement with the Zanola Company, LLC regarding Phase One Housing Marketing/Growth Program. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Wood was absent.

MAYOR

The 25th Annual Midwestern Herb & Garden show will be held at Times Square Mall on February 7, 8, & 9. Admission is free.

Mayor Chesley was the featured speaker at the Chamber of Commerce Annual State of the City luncheon. She delivered a PowerPoint presentation featuring projects and activities in the city during the last year. She noted that five years ago there was no new interchange on I57, there was very little new construction or new retail development, there was very little renovation or reinvestment of businesses in the community. Five years ago there weren't two spectacular, state of the art medical facilities in the City. This Council has worked very, very hard to see that new jobs come to Mt. Vernon and over 1,000 new jobs have been established. In today's economy that is an amazing thing to acknowledge. Mt. Vernon is known statewide as a progressive city. Mayor Chesley acknowledged that the unemployment rate is down and the City's building permits issued have increased in number and value. The Mayor thanked the Council and the City's department directors for their hard work. The PowerPoint presentation will be available for viewing on the City's website, www.mtvernon.com.

Council Member McEnaney thanked the Mayor for creating the PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member Piper was unable to attend the luncheon but shared with the Council that during the State of the City speech individuals were texting Piper from the State of the City luncheon stating they are so proud to be from a dynamic and progressive community such as Mt. Vernon.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Piper announced the latest festival in Mt. Vernon will be the Max Hoopster 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament scheduled for June 7, 8 and 9, 2013. Max Hooper, a basketball legend in the area, lent his name to the event. The goal is to have 300 3 on 3 teams to participate in the tourney. The Festival Committee will host their first meeting on Thursday, January 24, at 5:30 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building. Volunteers are encouraged to attend this important meeting. A portion of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the United Way. For more information you may call the Tourism Department at 242-3151.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Calvin Murphy reminded the Council that the Chamber of Commerce Home Show will be held at the Airport in the new hangar on February 9 & 10, 2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Neibert requested that the Council go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate.

Council Member Piper made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Wood was absent. The time is 7:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Lash made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Wood was absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk